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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed 21 September 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following proposed amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Conclusion begins on page 27 of this paper.